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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 621

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 621 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by adding Section
5 10-22.22e as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-22.22e new)

7 Sec. 10-22.22e. Science and mathematics partnership
8 school.

9 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
10 contrary and subject to the provisions of this Section, 4 or
11 more contiguous school districts with all or portion of their
12 territory located within the geographic boundaries of the same
13 municipality may, when in their judgment the interest of the
14 districts and of the students therein will be best served,
15 jointly operate, through an institution of higher education
16 located in the municipality, a science and mathematics

1 partnership school for serving some or all of grades
2 kindergarten through 8. The partnership school may (i) restrict
3 attendance to pupils who reside within the geographic
4 boundaries of the areas served by the school districts and (ii)
5 select students for enrollment based on admission criteria that
6 focuses on academic proficiency in science and mathematics
7 established by the partnership school and approved by the
8 districts' school boards; however, in no case may the
9 partnership school discriminate on the basis of disability,
10 race, creed, color, gender, national origin, religion,
11 ancestry, marital status, or need for special education
12 services in the establishment of its attendance boundaries or
13 in the selection of students for enrollment. The number of
14 students enrolled from each school district shall be
15 approximately equal in number. If there are more students
16 eligible for enrollment in the partnership school from a school
17 district than there are spaces available, eligible students
18 must be selected by lottery.

19 (b) The school board of each school district shall, by
20 proper resolution, enter into the joint operation of the
21 partnership school. The school boards of the participating
22 districts shall execute a partnership school contract with the
23 institution of higher education for the joint operation,
24 subject to the provisions of this Section. The agreement for
25 joint operation of the partnership school shall include, but
26 not be limited to, provisions for administration, staff,

1 programs, financing, facilities, and transportation.

2 (c) Each participating school district shall pay its per
3 capita cost of educating the students residing in the district
4 and attending the partnership school for the maintenance and
5 operation of the partnership school. The manner of determining
6 per capita cost must be set forth in the agreement. Each
7 district shall pay the amount owed under the terms of the
8 agreement from the fund that the district would have used if
9 the district had incurred the costs directly and may levy taxes
10 and issue bonds as otherwise authorized for these purposes in
11 order to make payments.

12 (d) The teachers and other non-administrative, certified
13 employees who work in the partnership school must be selected
14 according to criteria established by the partnership school and
15 agreed to by the school districts' school boards. The number of
16 such employees selected from each school district must be
17 approximately equal in number. Their selection must be for a
18 2-year or 4-year period, upon the completion of which they must
19 be assigned to a comparable position in the school from which
20 they were selected. While working in the partnership school,
21 these employees shall remain employees of and be paid by the
22 school district from which they were selected, and their wages
23 and benefits must be the same as if they were teaching or
24 otherwise working in that district, provided that additional
25 wages and benefits may be provided to these teachers and other
26 staff if the participating school districts and the exclusive

1 bargaining representatives of their teachers and other staff
2 agree. The contractual continued service status of a teacher
3 and the retirement benefits of those employees who accept work
4 with the partnership school must not be affected. A school term
5 worked in the partnership school must be considered a school
6 term worked in the school district from which the employees
7 were selected for contractual continued service attainment
8 purposes. The time spent in employment with a participating
9 district by any teacher who has not yet entered upon
10 contractual continued service and accepts selection to work in
11 the partnership school is not lost when computing the time
12 necessary for the teacher to enter upon contractual continued
13 service."